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Draft report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its forty-ninth session

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1. The Sub-Commission considered agenda item 5 at its 13th, 14th, 15th and 27th meetings, on 13, 14 and 22 August 1997.

2. For the list of documents issued under item 5, see annex ... to the present report.

3. At the 13th meeting, on 13 August 1997, Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi, Special Rapporteur on traditional practices affecting the health of women and children, introduced her progress report (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/10 and Add.1).

4. In the general debate on the item, statements were made by the following members of the Sub-Commission: Ms. Attah (13th), Ms. Daes (14th), Mr. Eide (14th), Mr. Guissé (14th), Ms. Gwanmesia (14th), Mr. Joinet (14th), Ms. McDougall (14th), Ms. Palley (14th), Mr. Park (13th).

5. The Sub-Commission also heard statements by the observers for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (14th) and the World Health Organization (14th).

6. The Sub-Commission also heard statements by representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: African Bureau of Educational Sciences (15th), Equality Now (14th), Indian Council of Education (14th), Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children (15th), International Association of Democratic Lawyers (14th), International Commission of Jurists (14th), International Educational Development, Inc. (14th), International Institute for Peace (14th), International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations (14th), International Progress Organization (14th), Pax Romana (14th), Transnational Radical Party (14th), Women's International Democratic Federation (14th), World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (14th), World Muslim Congress (14th), World Society of Victimology (14th).

7. Statements were also made by the observers for: Afghanistan (15th), Bangladesh (15th), Costa Rica (15th), Egypt (13th), Iraq (15th).

Traditional practices affecting the health of women and the girl child

8. At its 27th meeting, on 22 August 1997, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/L.15, sponsored by Mr. Alfonso Martínez,

Mr. Ali Khan, Mr. Bossuyt, Ms. Daes, Mr. Eide, Ms. Forero Ucros, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Mbonu, Mr. Mehedi, Ms. Palley, Mr. Weissbrodt and Mr. Yimer. Mr. Guissé, Mr. Lindgren Alves and Mr. Park subsequently joined the sponsors.

9. The resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution see chapter II, section A, resolution 1997/8.

Implementation of the human rights of women and the girl child

10. At its 27th meeting, on 22 August 1997, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/L.28, sponsored by Mr. Ali Khan, Ms. Attah, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Mr. Chernichenko, Ms. Daes, Mr. Diaz Uribe, Mr. Eide, Mr. Fix Zamudio, Mr. Guissé, Mr. Joinet, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Mr. Mehedi, Mr. Park, Ms. Warzazi, Ms. McDougall and Mr. Yimer. Ms. Gwanmesia and Ms. Palley subsequently joined the sponsors.

11. Mr. Alfonso Martínez amended the draft resolution by replacing, in operative paragraph 11, the words "in developing structural adjustment policies" by the words "at all times".

12. The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution see chapter II, section A, resolution 1997/9.

13. Mr. Khalil made a statement.